

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire June 26, 2004. In the present Amendment, claims 6-7 and 15-16 and claims 1, 5, 8-10, 14, and 17-18 have been amended. Claims 1-5, 8-14, and 17-18 are now pending.

Claim Rejections:

Claims 1, 2, 6, 10, 11, and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by published U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0041163 applied for by Rhoades et al. (hereinafter *Rhoades*). Claims 3-5, 12-14, and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rhoades*.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 7, 9, 16, and 18 as objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the indicated allowability of claim 7, independent method claim 1 has been amended to include all limitations of claims 6 and 7, which have been cancelled accordingly. Furthermore, in view of the indicated allowability of claim 16, independent system claim 10 has been amended to include all limitations of claims 15 and 16, which have been cancelled accordingly. The remaining dependent claims have been amended as necessary to correctly reflect the newly established claim interdependencies.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims have been placed in condition for allowance and favorable action is requested. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and a check for the appropriate fees are included herewith. No additional fees are believed to be required. However, in the event that additional fees are required, please charge those fees to **IBM Corporation Deposit Account Number 09-0456**.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney of record at (512) 343-6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application.

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